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REF: (A) MANILA 808 (B) STATE 19170 (C) MANILA 1637

1. AS EMBASSY POINTS OUT IN REFTEL A, THE NON-TRADITIONAL PART OF CATEGORY 221 HAS A CONSULTATION LEVEL OF 700,000 AS SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 7 (C) OF THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT. BOTH TRADITIONAL AND NON-TRADITIONAL PARTS OF THIS CATEGORY ARE SENSITIVE AND WE ARE PRESENTLY RE-STUDYING GOP REQUEST TO EXCEED THE NON-TRADITIONAL CONSULTATION LEVEL IN LIGHT ON THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH 7 (A) OF THE AGREEMENT. WE WILL PROVIDE A RESPONSE TO THE GOP AS SOON AS THIS STUDY IS COMPLETED.

2. REGARDING GOP REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL YARDAGE IN
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CATEGORIES 43 AND 62, WE WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY SEVERAL POINTS:

(A) GOP REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL YARDAGE IN CATEGORY 43 IS BEING CONSIDERED AS REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL YARDGE IN CATEGORY 43/62 (PART) LISTED UNDER ANNEX A, NON-TRADITIONAL CATEGORIES, SINCE ALL CATEGORY 43 SHIPMENTS ARE BEING CHARGED TO CATEGORY 43/62 PART. IN ADDITION TO CATEGORY 43, CATEGORY 43/62 (PART) INCLUDES THAT PART OF CATEGORY 52 COMPRISING NON-TRADIIONAL BLOUSES AND SHIRTS (SIZES LARGER THAN 6X) IN TSUSA NUMBERS 380.0002, 382.0026, 382.0650 AND 382.0610, AS SPECIFIED IN FOOTNOTE 2 OF ANNEX A. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONFIRM THIS UNDERSTANDING IS CONSISTENT WITH GOP REQUEST.

(B) THERE IS ALSO A "NON-TRADITIONAL CATEGORY 62 PART" WHICH INCLUDES ALL ITEMS OF SIZES LARGER THAN 6X IN THE 61 TSUSA NUMBERS NOT RPT NOT INCLUDED IN CATEGORY 43/62 PART (E.G., ALL TSUSA NUMBERS NORMALLY IN CATEGORY 62, EXCEPT THOSE 5 TSUSA NUMBERS LISTED ABOVE AND IN FOOTNOTE 2 OF ANNEX A). THIS NON-TRADITIONAL CATEGORY 62 PART HAS A CONSULTATION LEVEL OF 700,000 SYE. REQUEST EMBASSY CONFIRM THAT GOP REQUEST OF 1,000,000 SYE IN NON-TRADITIONAL CATEGORY 62 APPLIES TO WHAT WE ARE CALLING "NON-TRADITIONAL CATEGORY 62 PART".

(C) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE STATISTICS INDICATE THAT THERE IS NO DANGER THAT EITHER CATEGORY 43/62 PART OR NON-TRADITIONAL CATEGORY 62 PART WILL BE FILLED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. ACCORDING TO THESE STATISTICS, IMPORTS DURING CY 1975 FOR CATEGORY 43/62 COULD NOT HAVE EXCEEDED 90,000 DOZEN (AROUND 36 PERCENT OF FIRST AGREEMENT YEAR CONSULTATION LEVEL OF 250,000 DOZEN). FOR THE NON-TRADITIONAL CATEGORY 62 PART CY 1975 IMPORTS WERE IN THE RANGE OF 100,000 SYE (OR AROUND 14 PERCENT OF FIRST AGREEMENT YEAR CONSULTATION LEVEL OF 700,000 SYE).

3. LOW RATE OF SHIPMENT INDICATED BY DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DATA NOTED PARA 2 (C) IMPLIES THAT GOP REQUEST COULD BE BASED ON PLAN TO CONCENTRATE SHIPMENTS DURING LATTER PART OF AGREEMENT YEAR OR THAT U.S. AND PHILIPPINE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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CLASSIFICATION PRACTICES COULD BE INCONSISTANT. THEREFORE, IN ADDITION TO CONFIRMATION OF U.S. UNDERSTANDING OF GOP REQUEST CONCERNING NON-TRADITIONAL CATEGORIES 43/62 PART AND 62 PART, U.S. WISHES:

(A) PHILIPPINE EXPORT DATA ON THESE CATEGORIES SO WE CAN DETERMINE THAT U.S. AND PHILIPPINE DATA ARE REASONABLY CONSISTENT AND

(B) ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON MAGNITUDE AND TIMING OF

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